

Coming Events

- **Monday, Sept. 19, 2005**
National MPRI Conference
Kellogg Center, E. Lansing
Registration: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Conference Runs: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Save on Registration fees:
Register by August 1, '05

Thursday, July 7, 2005
12 Noon — 3:00 PM
Victims Committee
The Michigan Coalition Against
Domestic & Sexual Violence
3893 Okemos Road, Ste. B2,
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 347-7000

Thursday, July 14, 2005
1:00 PM — 5:00 PM
Parole Guidelines Committee
5th Floor Conference Room
Grandview Plaza, Lansing

Thursday, July 21, 2005
1:00 PM — 3:00 PM
Mentally Ill Inmate ReEntry Committee
Maples Conference Room, Harry Hill Center
5815 Wise Road, Lansing

July 2005

Week 1: July 5 - July 8

Thursday, July 7, 2005
9:00 AM — 11:30 AM
"Getting Ready" Workgroup Meeting
Michigan Rehabilitation Services
1048 Pierpont, Suite 6, Lansing

Week 2: July 11 - July 15

Thursday, July 14, 2005
9:00 AM — 11:30 AM
"Going Home" Workgroup Meeting
Russ Maples Conf. Room, Harry Hill Center
5815 Wise Road - Lansing

Week 3: July 18- July 22

Thursday, July 21, 2005
9:00 AM — 11:30 AM
"Staying Home" Workgroup Meeting
Russ Maples Conf. Room, Harry Hill Center
5815 Wise Road, Lansing

Week 4: July 25- July 29

Thursday, July 28, 2005
EMT Meeting

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► WORKGROUP REPORTS:

All three workgroups have been reviewing portions of the Report of the ReEntry Policy Council with the goal of adopting or adapting its policy statements and recommendations for inclusion as one of the pillars of the MPRI. The workgroups will complete their assigned reviews so a document can be produced in August that summarizes how the statements/recommendations can be incorporated into the MPRI. The complete model will be presented at the National MPRI Conference September 19, 2005, at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan.

The entire Report of the ReEntry Policy Council can be accessed by going to www.reentrypolicy.org.

At the June 2005 meetings, workgroups accomplished the following:

- **Getting Ready:** Reviewed Policy Statement #8, Recommendations Q through U.
Reviewed two draft Memos of Understanding (MOU) with the Social Security Administration (SSA). The first MOU describes how prisoners can obtain replacement social security cards; and the second MOU describes how prisoners may apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) prior to release.
Reviewed a draft MOU with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, which describes the MRS services and how they may be obtained.
- **Going Home:** Reviewed Policy Statement #17, Recommendations G and H, and Policy Statement #18, Recommendations A through F.
- **Staying Home:** Reviewed Policy Statement #28, Recommendations A through C.
Decided to refer several issues to other committees.
Decided that critical discussion is needed concerning; 1) the current prohibition against employment of ex-offenders by MDOC, 2) the extent to which community representatives serving on local steering and transition teams will have input into decisions affecting parole revocation.



➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS:

➤ Mentally Ill Inmate ReEntry Committee:

- Noted that mentally ill parolees fail on parole at about the same rate as their non-mentally ill counterparts; but the time to failure for mentally ill parolees is about 87 days on average compared to roughly 277 days for non-mentally ill parolees.
- Plans to conduct a limited survey among returning mentally ill parolees to identify factors contributing to parole failure, and whether these factors differ depending on the severity or seriousness of an offender's mental illness.
- At the June 16 meeting, presentations were made by LifeWays, the community mental health agency serving Jackson and Hillsdale Counties, and New Passages, a mental health provider agency serving several Michigan communities including Jackson.
- Will implement a pilot effort in the Jackson community to develop a coordinated mental health service network, and an evidenced-based, best practices model of service delivery for mentally ill parolees.

MDOC: A&P = Administration & Programs;
CFA = Correctional Facilities Administration;
FOA = Field Operations Administration;
OCC = Office of Community Corrections;
P&SP = Policy & Strategic Planning Administration

➤ Victims Committee:

- Made progress addressing victims issues and making recommendations for offender programming.
- Established four subcommittees:
 - ➊ Restitution and Victim Impact
 - ➋ Offender Accountability & Programming
 - ➌ Victim Wrap-Around
 - ➍ Faith-Based Communities
- Reviewing the State of Washington's Victim Wrap Around Program for possible adaptation in Michigan. The wrap around program collaboratively brings victims, department staff and law enforcement together to address victim issues upon offender release.
- Reviewing offender programming such as Ohio's Victim Awareness Program and Victim Impact Panels, and determining what services are necessary to address domestic violence issues, increase awareness of services available, and address cultural differences in the community that may affect victims' needs as well as incorporating community and faith-based victim programming and services.
- Reviewing what MPRI information needs to be conveyed to the victims.

➤ PSI Committee:

- Resumed development of a PSI survey of current users. A draft of the survey instrument will be ready for the next meeting.
- Recommended that training in motivational interviewing techniques be offered to FOA agents, to result in an improved, more valuable and user-friendly PSI report.
- Decided that representatives from the PSI Committee should also serve on the PSI Automation Committee.

➤ Parole Guidelines Committee:

- May 19 and June 9 meetings were facilitated by Becki Ney of the Center For Effective Public Policy, whose involvement has been made possible by a grant from NIC.
- Determined a need for both short- and long-term plans in deciding if new parole guidelines are needed.
- Discussed goals a new parole guidelines system might achieve and identified critical features a new system would contain.
- Will examine guidelines used by other states for features that can be incorporated into any newly developed guidelines.

ACRONYMS

Council of State Governments	CSG
Community Safety Initiative	CSI
Department of Community Health	DCH
Department of Human Resources	DHS
Department of Labor and Economic Growth	DLEG
Justice, Equality, Human Dignity & Tolerance Foundation	JEHT
Local Initiatives Support Corporations	LISC
Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency	MCCD
Michigan Department of Corrections	MDOC
National Governors Association	NGA
National Institute of Corrections	NIC
Public Policy Associates	PPA
Serious and Violent Offender ReEntry Initiative	SVORI